

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

#### **Call to Order:**

**CHAIRMAN BILL WILSON**, on January 8, 2009 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present:**

Rep. Bill Wilson, Chairman (D)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bill Beck, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Paul Beck (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)  
Rep. Jeffery Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Santella Baglivo, Committee Secretary  
Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 119, 1/6/2009; HB 138, 1/6/2009  
Executive Action: None.

**HEARING ON HB 119**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:31 REP. CHUCK HUNTER (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 119, Revise employment laws, including workers compensation.

[EXHIBIT \(buh04a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:17:14 Jerry Keck, Administrator Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT \(buh04a02\)](#)

00:26:34 Bob Worthington Co-Vice Chairman, Labor Management Advisory Council

00:30:14 Jason Miller Co-Vice Chairman, Labor Management Advisory Council

00:30:50 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

00:31:26 Jacquie Helt, President Montana AFL-CIO

00:31:53 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:32:24 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

00:33:08 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Insurance Co.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:33:46 Rep. Reinhart

00:34:00 Mr. Keck

00:36:41 Rep. Beck

00:37:33 Mr. Keck

00:37:51 Rep. Beck

00:38:01 Mr. Keck

00:38:24 Rep. Beck

00:38:41 Nancy Butler, Legal Counsel, Montana State Fund

00:40:06 Rep. Augare

00:40:29 Mr. Keck

00:41:03 Rep. Reinhart

00:41:14 Mr. Keck

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:42:06 Rep. Hunter

**HEARING ON HB 138**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:47 **REP. CHUCK HUNTER (D)**, **HD 79**, opened the hearing on **HB 138**, Revise employment safety and occupational health acts.

**EXHIBIT** (buh04a03)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:22 Jerry Keck, Administrator Employment Relations Division,  
Department of Labor and Industry

**EXHIBIT** (buh04a04)

01:00:11 Jason Miller, Co-Vice Chairman, Labor Management  
Advisory Council

01:01:06 Bob Worthington Co-Vice Chairman, Labor Management  
Advisory Council

01:02:17 Jason Todhunter, Logging Association

01:02:54 Kim Rickard, Business Manager Local, 1686

01:03:20 Robert Johnson, AFL-CIO

01:03:45 John Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony:** None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:04:33 Rep. Milburn

01:04:57 Mr. Keck

01:06:02 Chairman Wilson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:31 Rep. Hunter

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:07:58 Adjournment: 9:09 A.M.

---

SANTELLA BAGLIVO, Secretary

sb

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT** ([buh04aad.pdf](#))